

SITUATION REPORT NO. 11
INCIDENT NO. 2005-075
DATE: June 16, 2005 Time: 3:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms and Flooding** – Governor John Hoeven has issued an emergency declaration for severe thunderstorms that have produced abnormal amounts of rainfall, hail and high winds throughout the state and continued flooding in the Devils Lake Basin, beginning April 9 and continuing.
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** No changes from previous reports.
3. **DAMAGES:** A river flood warning remains in effect for the Red River, including Wahpeton, Fargo, East Grand Forks and Oslo, where moderate flooding is occurring and is expected to continue. Runoff from the past weeks excessive rains will continue to flow into the main stem Red from its swollen tributaries. Crests will occur in many locations over the next weekend as dry weather will allow the river system to catch up. Scattered thunderstorms are expected to develop across the region late this weekend, however widespread significant rains are not expected. The current forecasts do not take into account rains beyond the next 24 hours.

The State Operations Center (SOC) received the following reports of storm activity from local emergency managers.

City of Fargo

Fargo Parks continue to be affected by flooding. The pedestrian bridge at Lindenwood Park has been pushed off its foundation due to debris, and all bike paths, roads, and camp sites are under water.

Sioux County

County officials have reported approximately 79 county and township road sites that need to be repaired.

Traill County

The County Emergency Manager reported that on June 12 the city sanitary system in the city of Clifford failed due to the excessive rainfall and that two septic tanks had collapsed, causing sewage backup in two homes.

Walsh County

The County Highway Department has closed eight road locations since June 13, due to flooding. Initial damage reports have identified 60 spots of saturated sub-grade, two undermined bridges and four bridges impacted by debris.

River Statements

The Grand Forks Office of the National Weather Service (NWS) reported a flood warning is in effect for southeastern North Dakota and the Red River Valley. Flood warnings remain in effect for the James, Red and Souris Rivers.

River forecasts from the NWS, based on current observations, are as follows:

River	Flood Stage	Last Report	Comments
Red River at Wahpeton	10 feet	12.76 feet @ 6:00 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 13.3 feet on June 15
Red River at Fargo	17 feet	27.26 feet @ 6:00 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 27.0 feet on June 19-20
Red River at East Grand Forks	28 feet	39.33 feet @ 8:45 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 42.0 feet on June 19
Red River at Oslo	28 feet	39.17 feet @ 6:45 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 36 feet on June 19
Red River at Drayton	32 feet	32.43 feet @ 9:00 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 40 feet on June 20
Red River at Pembina	42 feet	38.36 feet @ 8:00 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 46 feet next week
Goose River at Hillsboro	7 feet	11.39 feet @ 6:45 a.m. June 16	Crested at 11.9 feet on June 15
Maple River at Mapleton	902 feet	908.76 feet @ 7:30 a.m. June 16	Crested @ 908.7 feet on June 15
Sheyenne River at West Fargo	16.5 feet	19.53 feet @ 6:45 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 20.6 feet on June 19
Sheyenne River at Harwood	884 feet	889.43 feet @ 8:00 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 890.5 feet on June 19
James River at Ludden Dam	12 feet	12.40 feet @ 6:45 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 12.3 feet on June 14
Maple River at Enderlin	9 feet	8.7 feet @ 10:10 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 9 feet on June 16
Wild Rice River at Abercrombie	10 feet	10.2 feet @ 10:10 a.m. June 16	Crest @ 17 feet on June 22

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No changes from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No changes from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: Volunteers from the Fargo community have been assisting Park District personnel with sandbagging operations.

The Salvation Army has provided 100 cleanup kits to the city of Northwood in Grand Forks County as well as 93 cleanup kits to the city of Edgeley in LaMoure County. The Salvation Army also delivered one dozen cleanup kits in Walsh County.

The Minn-Kota Chapter of the American Red Cross (Fargo) has assisted the city of Edgeley with opening a shelter which housed 16 families on June 8. They provided lodging for eight (21 individuals) families; with three families still being housed as of June 15 in Edgeley. They have also provided over 100 meals to residents and responders in Edgeley, as well as assisting with providing donated meals for sandbaggers in Wyndmere on June 9.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Local-state-federal Preliminary Damage Assessment teams for Individual, Small Business Administration and Public Assistance are scheduled to conduct assessments throughout the state, beginning June 21.

On June 16, the N.D. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) provided an aerial surveillance flight for N.D. State Water Commission Engineers of the Red River Valley and nearby tributaries. Engineers took photographs of the areas to determine the extent of flood-related problems.

Fargo Park District personnel have built a temporary dike to protect Jack Williams Stadium and Mickelson Field. Both Public Works and Park District personnel continue to monitor the river.

Walsh County public works crews are monitoring river levels and closed roads as needed, as well as agricultural ring dikes along the Red River. The NWS forecast for the area places the crest of floodwaters at the top of these ring dikes.

On June 15, the Boards of Commission for Sioux and Traill Counties issued emergency declarations.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No changes from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The NWS lists quantitative precipitation forecasts on its website: www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/qpf2.shtml.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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